## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coupling structure, comprising:

a shaft body having a positioning recess close to an end portion thereof;

a shaft joint having an engagement groove with which the shaft body is engaged, bores facing the engagement groove, and a flexible member which is provided on an outer side of the shaft joint and ~~extending in a longitudinal~~ projects in the depth direction of the engagement groove and ~~is to be engaged with~~ engages the positioning recess such that it regulates movement of the shaft body in a longitudinal direction; and

a coupling shaft, which is inserted into the bores, for coupling the shaft body and the shaft joint.

2. (Currently Amended) The coupling structure according to Claim 1, wherein the flexible member has a deflection regulating portion, the deflection regulating portion being substantially planar and including a planar surface facing a side face of the engagement groove.

3. (Previously Presented) The coupling structure according to Claim 2, wherein a tip of the flexible member is bent outward in a width direction of the engagement groove.

4. (Currently Amended) The coupling structure according to Claim 3, wherein the flexible member is provided more inwardly than ~~the other~~ another side face of the engagement groove.

5. (Currently Amended) The coupling structure according to Claim 2, wherein the flexible member is provided more inwardly than ~~the other~~ another side face of the engagement groove.

6. (Currently Amended) The coupling structure of Claim 1, wherein the shaft body includes a top face adjacent the coupling shaft and a side face, the positioning recess ~~is substantially perpendicular to the axial direction of the coupling shaft~~ being disposed in the side face of the shaft body.

7. (Currently Amended) A coupling structure, comprising:

a shaft body having a positioning recess close to an end portion thereof;

a shaft joint having an engagement groove engaging the shaft body;

bores facing the engagement groove; and

a flexible member provided on an outer side of the shaft joint and extending in a longitudinal direction of the engagement groove and engaging with the positioning recess in a longitudinal direction of the shaft body;

a coupling shaft inserted into the bores and coupling the shaft body and the shaft joint; and

a semi-circular groove near an end portion of the shaft body containing the coupling shaft.

8. (New) A coupling structure, comprising:

a shaft body having a positioning recess close to an end portion thereof;

a shaft joint having an engagement groove with which the shaft body is engaged, bores facing the engagement groove, and a flexible member which is provided on an outer side of the shaft joint, projects in the depth direction of the engagement groove and contacts the positioning recess; and

a coupling shaft, which is inserted into the bores, for coupling the shaft body and the shaft joint.